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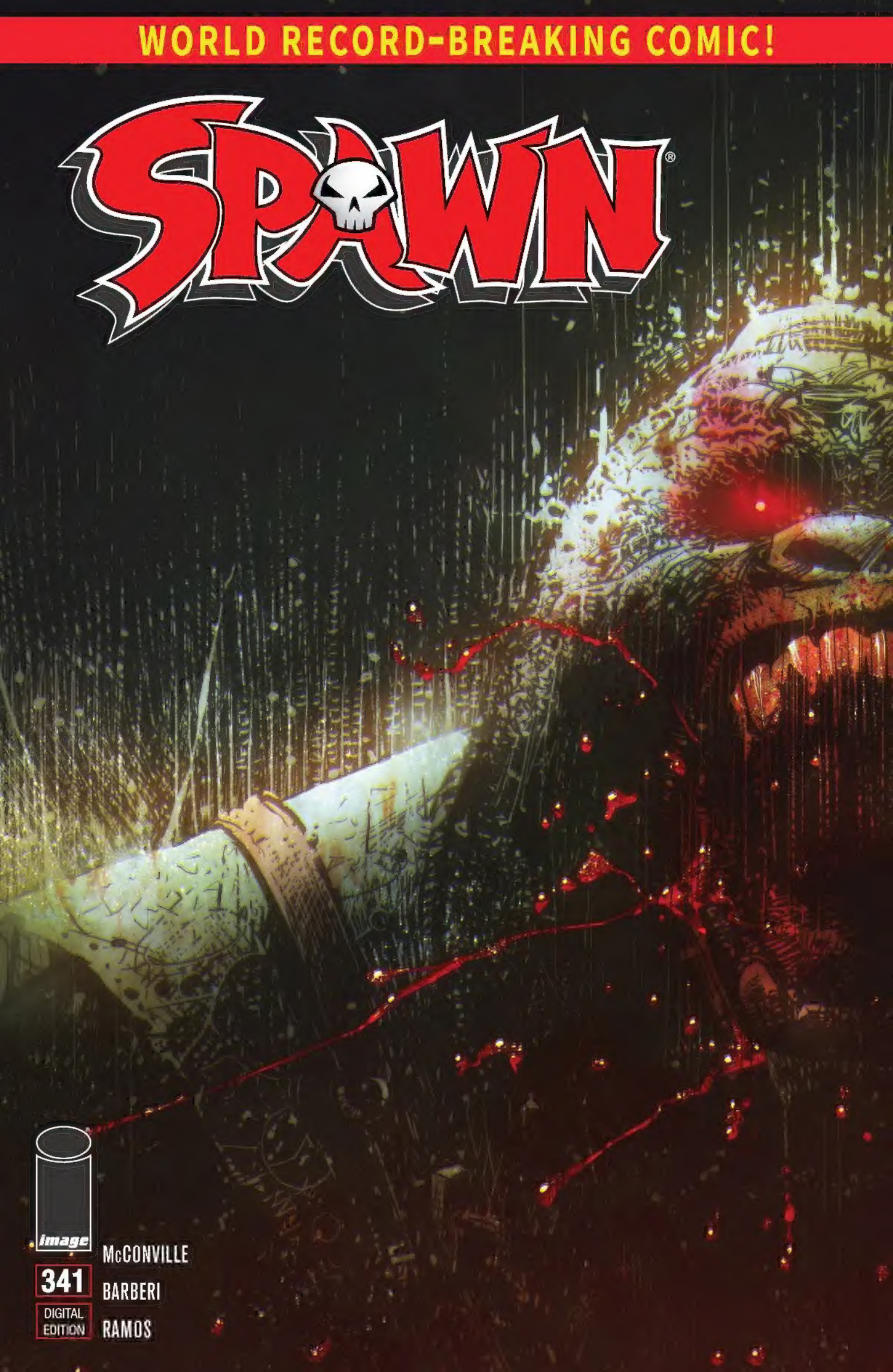

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Spawn and Haunt continue to make their way through Heaven in search of a cure for the poison coursing through Haunt's body.

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WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
KORVOX.
AND BECAUSE OF YOU, I'VE BEEN STUCK HERE SINCE YOU SEALED THE 'DEAD ZONES.' BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HELP CHANGE THAT.
IS THAT RIGHT?
YES. AND IF YOU DO, I'LL GET YOU INTO THE PURIFIERS' CITADEL.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

I DO.

AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW IS THE ONLY REASON HEAVEN'S ARMY HASN'T FOUND YOU *ALREADY* IS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THROWING THEM OFF *YOUR* SCENT.

SO, I'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER; I TAKE YOU INTO THE CITADEL, YOU HELP ME LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I'M LOOKING FOR A CURE. SOMEONE'S BEEN POISONED.

I KNOW. THEY'RE HIDING IT INSIDE THE CITADEL.

THEN YOU GET ME WHAT I WANT, I'LL DO WHAT YOU NEED.

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU, WHEN YOU CLOSED THE DEAD ZONES, YOU'D BE TRAPPING PEOPLE ON *BOTH SIDES* OF IT?

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY HEAVEN BUTCHERED BECAUSE OF YOU!

YEAH, BECAUSE HEAVEN AND HELL GOT ALONG SO WELL BEFORE THAT?

DON'T BLAME ME FOR YOUR SHIT. YOU ALL MADE YOUR OWN MESS.

KAK

SPAWN HAS CUT FAR TOO CLOSE TO THE TRUTH.

AND RARELY DO THOSE HEARING THAT TRUTH NOT REACT ANGRILY. WHICH IS WHY OUR HELLSPAWN TAKES THE OFFENSE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

INSTEAD THEY LET THEIR RAGE GUIDE THEM.

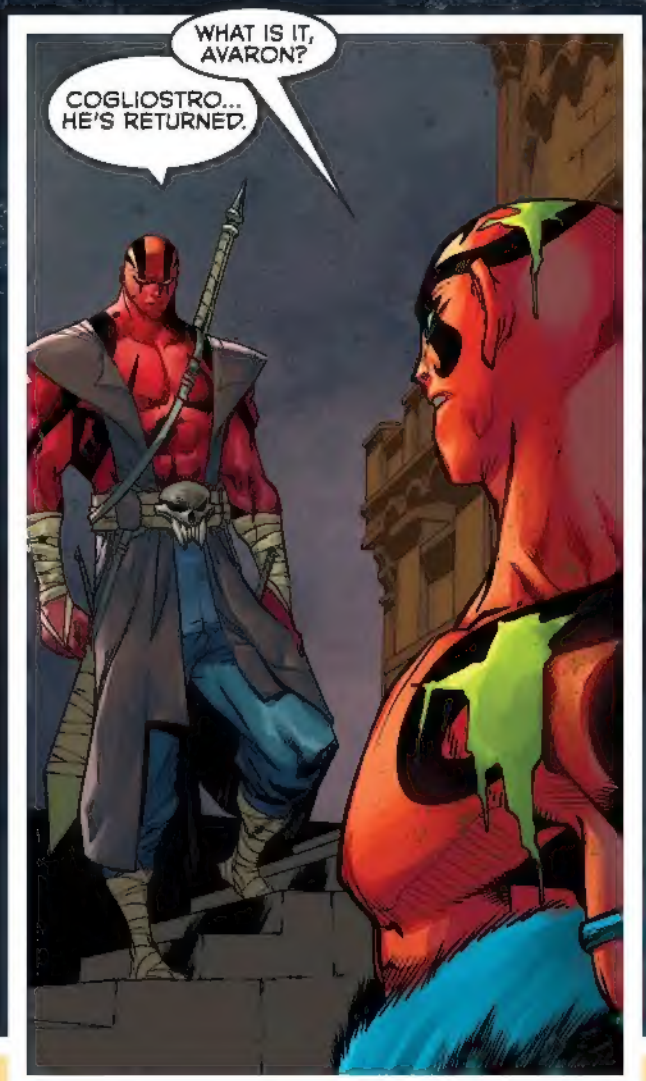
AND AT TIMES THAT RAGE BLINDS THEM.

ENOUGH!

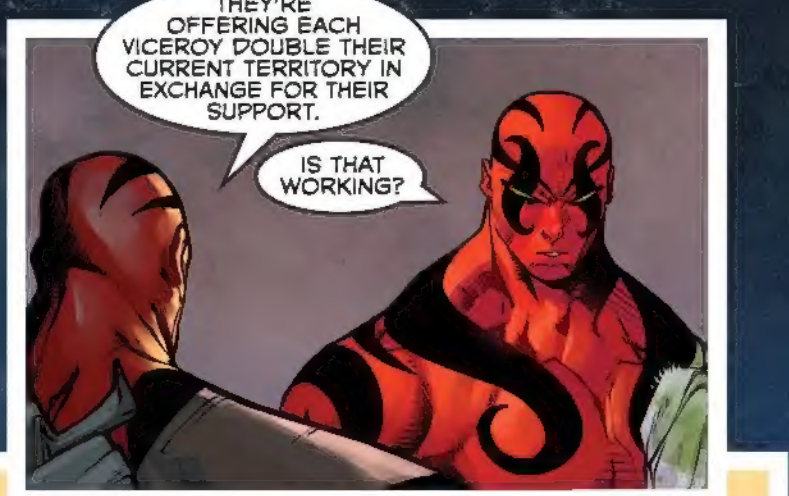
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHERE WE'RE AT?
YOUR POWERS-- YOU SAID YOU HAD THEM UNDER CONTROL, HAUNT.
I DO-- MOST OF THE TIME. BUT RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN HAVING BLACKOUTS, AND THEY'RE GETTING WORSE.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT ME ALONG IF YOU KNEW THAT.
I NEED THAT CURE. I'M NOT LETTING THIS POISON KILL ME.
SO, YOU WANT TO LEAVE, FINE! I'M STAYING, UNTIL I FIND A CURE.
THEN LET'S GET IT.
KORVOX, YOU LEAD THE WAY.

THE INFERNAL KEEP.
LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE FIRST REALM. IT HOUSES THE THRONE OF HELL AND SERVES AS THE RESIDENCE OF HELL'S RULER.
SHANK
ITS CURRENT OCCUPANT: CATACLYSM.
COME.
FIGHT ME.

FWAK
"FATHER, WE'VE GOT A *SERIOUS* PROBLEM."


WHAT IS IT, AVARON?
COGLIOSTRO... HE'S RETURNED.

I BELIEVE HE'S MARSHALING AN ARMY, TO UNSEAT YOU.
HE CALLS HIMSELF SINN NOW AND, ACCORDING TO INFORMANTS, HE'S ***SECRETLY*** TRYING TO RECRUIT A MAJORITY OF THE VICEROYS.

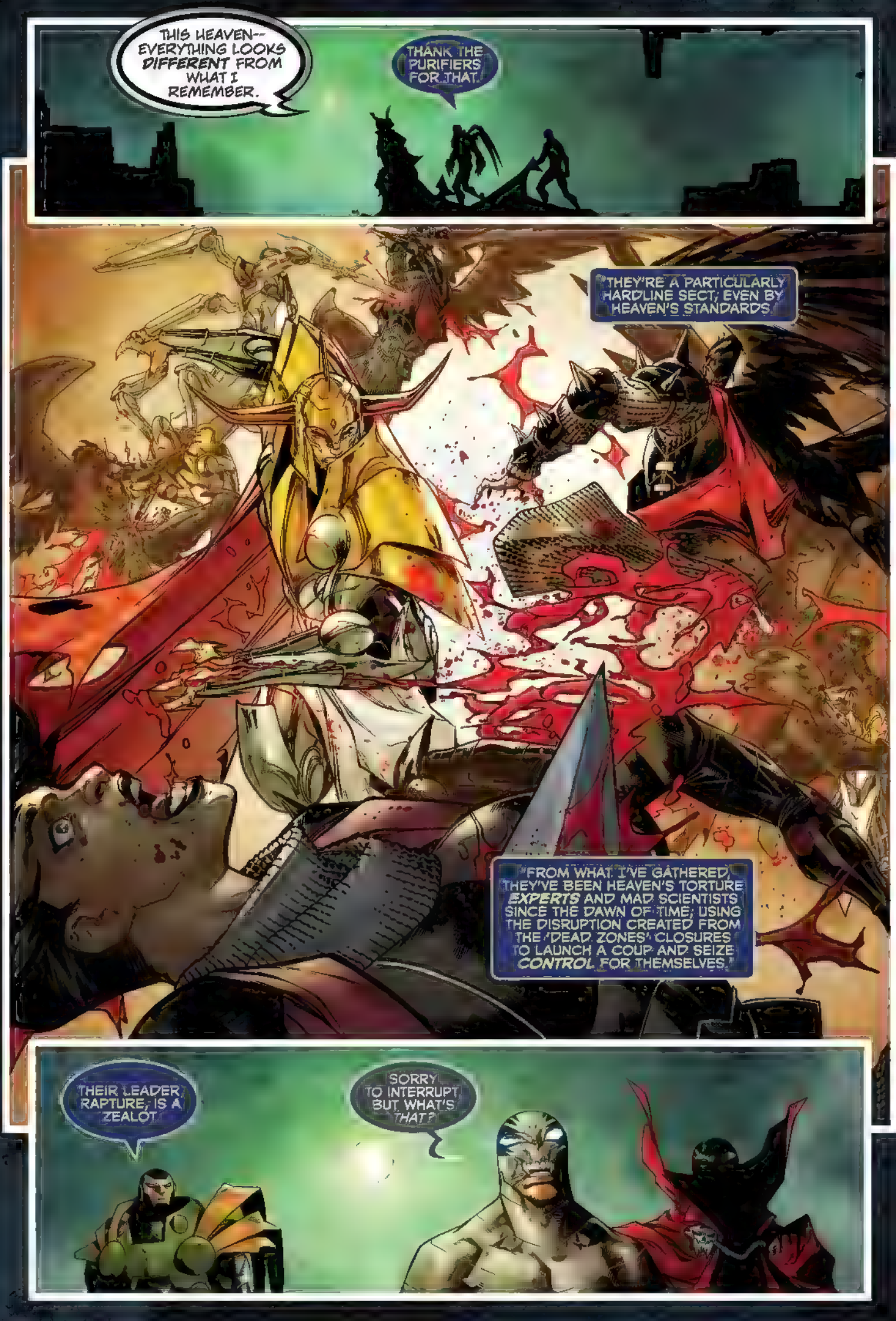

THEY'RE OFFERING EACH VICEROY DOUBLE THEIR CURRENT TERRITORY IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
IS THAT WORKING?

"APPARENTLY, YES. SO FAR, THEY'VE SECURED LYTA'S BACKING AND HER FOLLOWERS IN THE 9th REALM.

"THEY WERE ALSO SPOTTED IN THE 6th REALM, VISITING XERNUT, WHO'S BELIEVED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THEIR OFFER.

LYTA AND XERNUT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WEAK LINKS. IN HIS POSITION, I'D DO THE SAME.
BUT HE'S NOT DOING THIS ON HIS OWN. WHO'S ADVISING HIM?
BARBATOS HAS JOINED HIS COUNSEL.
OF COURSE.
FATHER, WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS. THEIR REBELLION IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY BUT IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY, IT'LL SPILL OUT ACROSS THE NINE REALMS.
AND WHAT IF THEY UNCOVER THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE THRONE?
VERY WELL. IF THE OLD MAN WANTS TO BE PUT OUT OF HIS MISERY, WE SHALL OBLIGE.
FIND WHO THEY'RE APPROACHING NEXT, THEN TAKE A SMALL FORCE AND DEAL WITH IT.
AND BEFORE YOU KILL SINN, FIND OUT HOW HE WAS ABLE TO RETURN.

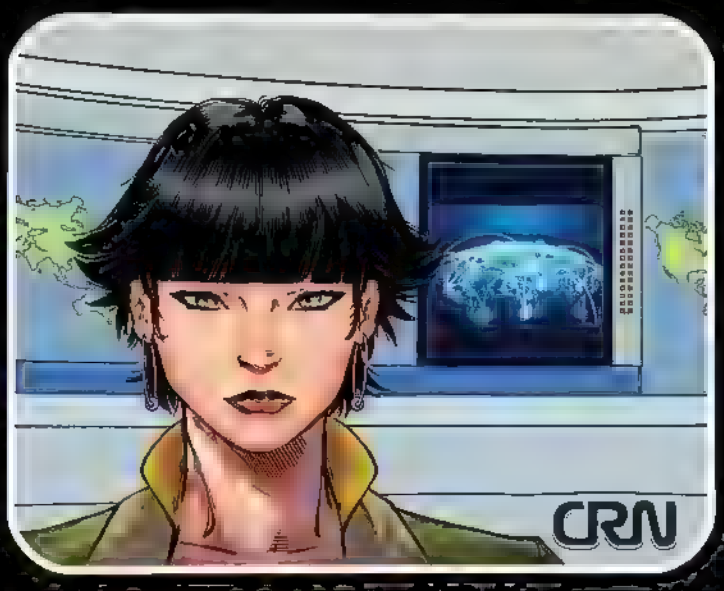
I'M CURIOUS, KORVOX, HOW'D YOU GET HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I CAME AS PART OF AN EXPLORATORY RESEARCH STUDY
STUDYING WHAT? THE AFTERLIFE?
YES. THIS IS BUT ONE OF MANY AFTERLIVES I'VE VISITED. LEARNING ABOUT THEM WILL, I HOPE, PREVENT ME FROM BEING PERMANENTLY TRAPPED IN ANY ONE OF THEM.
UNLIKE SO MANY OTHERS WHO LET IGNORANCE SEAL THEIR FATES
I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING. BUT FOR ME, BEING STUCK IN ONE PLACE FOR A LONG PERIOD CAN BE TORTUROUS.
WHO CARES WHY HE'S HERE. WE NEED THAT AN DOTE
I KNOW.
THERE WERE QUITE A FEW SPIES FROM HELL AND GREENWORLD STRANDED HERE.
THEN HEAVEN'S ARMY CAME, HUNTED ALL OF THEM DOWN OVER TIME. I BELIEVE I'M NOW THE LAST ONE LEFT.


THIS HEAVEN-- EVERYTHING LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I REMEMBER.
THANK THE PURIFIERS FOR THAT.
"THEY'RE A PARTICULARLY HARDLINE SECT, EVEN BY HEAVEN'S STANDARDS.
"FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED, THEY'VE BEEN HEAVEN'S TORTURE EXPERTS AND MAD SCIENTISTS SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME; USING THE DISRUPTION CREATED FROM THE 'DEAD ZONES' CLOSURES TO LAUNCH A COUP AND SEIZE CONTROL FOR THEMSELVES."
THEIR LEADER, RAPTURE, IS A ZEALOT.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WHAT'S THAT?

OUR TRANSPORTATION--INTO THE CITADEL.
NOW, WITH THIS, WE CAN BYPASS HEAVEN'S SECURITY AND DEPOSIT OURSELVES STRAIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE CITADEL.
THEN LET'S DO THIS.
WHEN WE WERE INITIALLY STRANDED HERE, A GROUP OF US SPENT MONTHS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A TELEPORTER SO WE COULD *ESCAPE* IF WE NEEDED.
BUT IT WASN'T ABLE TO OVERCOME THE LOCKED DEAD ZONES. IT DID, HOWEVER, PROVIDE US WITH A WAY OF HACKING INTO HEAVEN'S TELEPORTATION NETWORK.
THE READINGS I'M SEEING ARE INCREDIBLE.

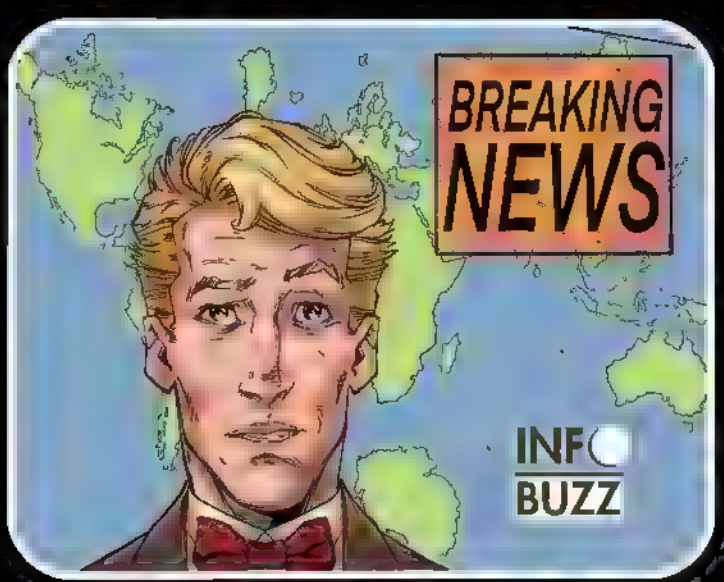
BUT... IS IT WISE MANIPULATING THE DEAD ZONES LIKE THIS?
WE'RE AWARE OF SOME POTENTIAL UNINTENDED CONSE-QUENCES.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.
FWASH
SHRAKK
LET'S GO THIS WAY.

"GOOD NEWS, MY LORD. WE'VE DONE NUMEROUS CHECKS AND THERE'S NO DOUBT.
"THE DEAD ZONES ARE BEGINNING TO REOPEN.
"WE ESTIMATE THAT WILL HAPPEN *WITHIN* THE HOUR.
THEN READY THE TROOPS.
WE CAN ASSUME OUR ENEMIES ARE UNAWARE THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. WE NEED TO PRESS OUR *ADVANTAGE* WHILE WE HAVE IT, BEFORE OUR ENEMIES BECOME AWARE OF OUR ACTIONS.
"INVASION FORCES, MY LORD, ARE STANDING BY EACH DEAD ZONE
"ONCE THEY'RE OPENED, WE CAN BEGIN."



...BRINGING YOU THE LATEST ON THIS DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL STORY. WE'VE BEEN TRACKING A SERIES OF INEXPLICABLE BUT APPARENTLY INTER-LINKED EVENTS TAKING PLACE ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE. THIS MORNING THE FOCUS HAD GROWN TO 13 SITES, AS WE CAN NOW CONFIRM AN ADDITIONAL EVENT IN SOUTHEAST MALAYSIA. CURRENTLY, AT EACH SITE, EYEWITNESSES REPORT THE SAME SET OF PHENOMENA, INCLUDING HOWLING ANIMALS, VOLATILE WEATHER PATTERNS AND SIMULTANEOUS BLACKOUTS.

EXPERTS ACROSS SEVERAL FIELDS ARE SCRAMBLING TO DETERMINE WHAT TIES THESE AREAS TOGETHER. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THEY'VE BEEN UNABLE TO DRAW ANY FIRM CONCLUSIONS. EARLIER, WE SPOKE TO OUR INHOUSE METEOROLOGIST, WHO POSITED THAT THIS MAY BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF NEW ACCELERATED, LOCALIZED CLIMATE CHANGE EVENTS, THE BEGINNING OF A MUCH WIDER PATTERN FOR THE WORLD. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY BE AN ANOMALY.



WE HAVE ***NOW*** HEARD THAT, BEYOND THE EXTREMES OF HISTORICAL TRENDS, EVEN ***LARGER*** STORMS OF ***NEARLY IDENTICAL*** MAGNITUDE HAVE BROKEN OUT AT EACH OF THESE SITES, IN EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE. THERE ARE ALSO LOW LEVEL ***EARTHQUAKES.*** THIS IS ***CONFOUNDING*** THE LOCAL EXPERTS, AS THEY'RE OCCURING IN ZONES NOT PRONE TO EVEN ***MINOR*** TREMORS.

BEFORE WE MOVE ***ON,*** I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ***APOLOGIZE*** TO VIEWERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN OFFENDED BY REMARKS MADE EARLIER TODAY BY PROF. DUNCAN ***BATTERLY.*** DURING HIS SEGMENT, PROF. BATTERLY SUGGESTED THESE STRANGE OCCURRENCES WERE SOME KIND OF ***DIVINE JUDGMENT,*** AND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THESE AREAS WERE BEING ***PUNISHED*** FOR LOCAL PATTERNS OF ***SINS.*** THESE REMARKS ARE ***NOT*** IN LINE WITH OUR VALUES HERE AT ***INFOBUZZ.*** OUR GOAL IS TO BRING YOU AS MANY ***ACTUAL*** FACTS AS ***POSSIBLE.***

THIS IS ALL JUST MORE ***SMOKE AND MIRRORS BULLSHIT--*** A PUBLICITY STUNT FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE CRANKS TRYING TO SPOOK THEIR GULLIBLE ***DONORS*** INTO COUGHING UP A BIT MORE ***MONEY.*** I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS NICE, COZY ***CABAL*** WITH THEIR ***MAINSTREAM MEDIA*** PALS AND THE WASHINGTON ***ELITES.*** MARK MY WORDS, THEY'LL BE USING THIS TO JUSTIFY TELLING YOU ***HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LIVE YOUR LIVES!*** AND IT'S ALL A ***GODDAMN LIE!***

BELIEVE ME FOLKS-- THERE'S NOTHING TO ***ANY*** OF IT. WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE. OF COURSE, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO'S ACTUALLY ***LIVING*** IN THESE AREAS. OH, BUT OF COURSE, WE ***CAN'T,*** BECAUSE ALL THESE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE CUT THE ***POWER*** IN THESE AREAS. WHICH MEANS... YOU GUESSED IT... WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO ***TAKE THEIR WORD*** FOR IT. ***WRONG!!--*** RIGHT NOW, ***OUR*** NOBLE CITIZEN JOURNALISTS ARE HEADING INTO THESE AREAS TO SEE...

THE TOWER OF SCREAMS
IS OCCUPIED BY LORD VANTIS VICERO OF THE 3rd REALM
"IT'S NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU, BARBATOS. I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS."
"I'VE ALWAYS HAD CONCERNS CATACLYSM COULD LEAD US, BUT UNTIL NOW, WE'VE *LACKED* A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE."
"BUT, EXCUSE MY MANNERS... LET'S ENJOY SOME FOOD AND WINE WHILE WE DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER."
"THANK YOU, VANTIS, BUT SINN AND I WOULD PREFER TO GET TO OUR BUSINESS FIRST."
"AND *WHAT* BUSINESS IS THAT?"

YOU'RE AWARE HELL ALREADY HAS ITS KING.
IS HE ONE OF YOURS, VANTIS?
APOLOGIES, BARBATOS. HE KNOWS NOT WHAT
YOUR BETRAYAL WASN'T A SURPRISE TO US, BARBATOS.
YOUR CORPSE WILL HANG AS A WARNING TO YOUR REPLACE-MENT.

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT, OLD MAN?
YOU.
BOW YOUR HEAD. I'M AVARON, FIRST SON OF CATACLYSM.
SO, YOUR FATHER IS COWERING BEHIND HIS SON?
MY FATHER, THE ONE TRUE KING, FEARS NO ONE.
YOU'RE JUST NOT WORTHY ENOUGH TO GARNER HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION.
DO NOT WORRY, THOUGH...

I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO MAKE SURE YOUR PRESENCE NEVER BOTHERS MY FATHER!

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SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS: MAILBAG

I love the design for the Cataclysm. He looks like a mixture of Darth Maul and Drax the Destroyer. Hope to see more of him soon.

-TANNER

Well, Tanner, your wish is our command. You will see quite a bit more of Catalysm in the next several issues of Spawn. He is a big new player on the scene, and he and SINN will be meeting soon enough.

-THOMAS

Hi all at Spawn HQ. I've been reading Spawn consistently since issue 250 and I am so happy to see the books branch out into King, Gunslinger and Scorched (which I'm also reading and loving), I can't wait to see where the story goes! I recently started a YouTube channel where I do deep dives into geek culture (term of endearment) properties I enjoy sooo obviously Spawn was my very first proper video... but what I wanted to share was this: I painted Spawn based on one of Greg Capullo's beautiful HC illustrations where he had a blue-ish tint to his suit (black is not the best colour for taking photos when you're a mini painter!) and the comic I free-handed is issue 32 which holds particular importance to me. I hope you like it! Thank you for your time.

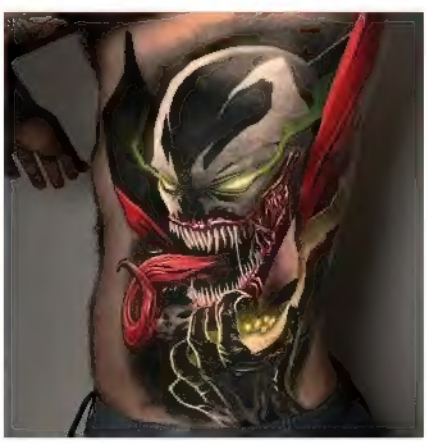
-226

Wow! This is incredible. As one of several DnD players in the office, I can tell you really put a lot of work into that. And great job at recreating the comic at his feet! Well done, man!

-THOMAS

Hello Spawn Team! I just finished reading King Spawn #20, and in the back of the book, I noticed a bunch of Spawn tattoos were shared. I have one as well as part of the comic book theme side of my body and thought I could share too! The Spawn-verse has been awesome. I look forward to each book that comes out every month. The covers, the art, and the storytelling have been phenomenal. Here's to a thousand more years of Spawn

-AJ



AJ, this is one of the most badass Spawn Tattoos I have ever seen. That had to have been a few rough sessions on the table right there. Thanks so much for sharing!

-THOMAS

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